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REFORMS IN EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered introduction of reforms in the educational system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of discussions held to base the reforms on a consensus across the educational bodies and political parties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): The National Policy on Education (NPE),1986, as modified in 1992, based on an in-depth review of the educational situation and a national consensus, has laid down a comprehensive framework that continues to guide the development of education in its entirety.

The NPE envisaged a national system of educationwhich implies that, upto a given level, all children, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of comparable quality while lifelong education will be a cherished goal of the educational process. To achieve this, various schemes and programmes have been launched and are under various stages of implementation.

Educational development is a continuous process. Constant efforts are made, from time to time, in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders to bring about improvements in the system to meet the emerging challenges. Several National Resource Organisations like the National Instituteo f Educational Planning and Administration(NIEPA), NationalCouncil of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), University Grants Commission (UGC), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), etc., lendtheir expertise and advice on improving the implementation of the National Policy on Education and the programmes there- under.